

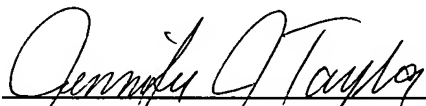
### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Applicant requests that substantive examination of the application to be conducted on the basis of the claims and description as amended under Article 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. A copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) and its annex, reflective of the Article 34 amendment, is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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